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SENATOR WHITNEY: Without my amendment, nobody can be hired after they are age 72. Any state employee.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, does the bill in its present form without your amendment prevent anybody from being employed after 72?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What does your bill do? Your amendment.

SENATOR WHITNEY: My amendment would say that those persons who work for the Legislature could be hired if they exceeded age 72, if the Legislature wanted to and...

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, Mr. President, it seems to me there ought to be some limit on the area of employment of people and this Legislature is confronted with employing people who are capable and not because they are in need, so to speak, and it'd seem to me that when the Legislature adopted 72 as a maximum they went way over backwards in order to do that. I kind of don't like that you are asking for the Legislative Council, without conferring with us as to whether or not we wanted to do it or not.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well, I am asking you right now...I am asking the Legislature as a whole.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Speaking as Chairman, I don't want to do it. I am only speaking as the Chairman and I think there ought to be some limitation in this Legislature as to the age of people we are going to employ.

SPEAKER: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: I think that maybe I can clear it up from both Senator Whitney and Senator Carpenter's point. My amendment that you adopted said that on July 1, 1974 those people who have reached that 72 years of age, they have got to retire. We are giving our Sergeant at Arms, our people over in Legislative Council, all the other people, the opportunity to serve through the next Legislative session and in 1974, July 1st, if they have reached 72, then they no longer can have employment and that is what you adopted with my amendment. Now, if you adopt the Whitney amendment, what we will be doing is taking all dates off and saying that we as the Legislative...Legislature, here, are going to have further and beyond ages which we are having an exception for ourselves.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I'd like to ask a question of Senator Mahoney, if he would yield. Now, does this cover the Legislators, too, as employees of the state of Nebraska?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Legislators, did you say, Senator?

SENATOR NORE: Yes.

SENATOR MAHONEY: No, it doesn't cover the Legislators.

SENATOR NORE: Why doesn't it?

SENATOR MAHONEY: I don't know unless you'd like to...

SENATOR NORE: They have just a much right to work, these folks around here in the Bill Drafting office and here and there, when they are over 72 as we have, don't they?

SENATOR MAHONEY: No, I am on their side. I extended this